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SYMPOSIUM ON DEVELOPMENT

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1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONSE TO REPAIR, HOWEVER, POUCH
DELIVERY TO THIS POST LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED.

2. OUR COMMENTS ON ECLA PROPOSAL ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS
PARA. 6, REPAIR.

(A) WHILE FROM LACK OF KNOWLEDGE WE CANNOT COMMENT
ON ECLA'S ABILITY TO SERVE AS PROJECT EXECUTOR
AND HOST FOR MAJOR SYMPOSIUMS, WE QUESTION
WHETHER ECLA, RATHER THAN, SAY, THE OAS, SHOULD
ASSUME KEY ROLE IN CONDUCTING SUCH FORUMS.
WE FEEL THAT IF A PROGRAM OF MEETINGS AMONG
LA AND OTHER OFFICIALS AND SCHOLARS IS DESIRABLE,
IT SHOULD BE UNDER OAS AUSPICES AND FINANCIAL
SUPPORT, THUS INCLUDING HEMISPHERIC SPONSORSHIP
RATHER THAN SOLELY U.S.

(B) AS (A) ABOVE INDICATES, MULTI-COUNTRY SPONSORSHIP,
THROUGH OAS, WOULD BE DESIRABLE. MULTI-AGENCY
SPONSORSHIP, IN ADDITION, WOULD BE ALSO
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DESIRABLE, E.G., PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, U.S.
AND LA UNIVERSITIES.

(C) WE BELIEVE "THINK-TANK" SETTING FOR MEETINGS
WOULD BE PREFERABLE GIVEN THEIR OBJECTIVES,
BUT FOR CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY, WE THINK THIS
AS LESS OF A PROBLEM. WE DO, HOWEVER, FROM

THE STANDPOINT OF FOCUS, EXPECT IT WOULD
BETTER CONTRIBUTE TO FORMULATING POSITION
ON ECONOMIC AND OTHER ISSUES, AS DO ANY
SYMPOSIA WHICH HAVE AS OBJECTIVE EXCHANGE
OF IDEAS.

(D) WE BELIEVE THE TYPES OF MEETINGS PROPOSED
ARE "NICE TO HAVE," BUT NOT ESSENTIAL. OTHER
EXISTING FORUMS, EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, ESSENTIALLY
SERVE THE SAME OBJECTIVES AS THAT PROPOSED
BY ECLA. ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIUMS
WOULD, OF COURSE, INCREASE CONTACTS AND
DISCUSSIONS OF DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, BUT "ADD-ON"
BENEFITS IN OUR VIEW WOULD BE MARGINAL.

(E) HOST COUNTRY REACTION WOULD LIKELY BE POSITIVE,
PARTICULARLY IF MEETINGS FOCUS ON COUNTRY-
SPECIFIC STRATEGEMS RATHER THAN WITH BROAD
DEVELOPMENT THEORY. EVEN, IF MEETINGS DEAL
WITH GENERALITIES, HOWEVER, WE FEEL REACTION
WOULD REMAIN POSITIVE GIVEN LOCAL OFFICIALS
PROPENSITY TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS
ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS AND DIVERSE AGENDAS.

(F) TO HAVE ANY VALUE ABOVE THE MARGINAL LEVEL,
WE BELIEVE THE MEETINGS SHOULD FOCUS ON
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COUNTRY-SPECIFIC ISSUES AND STRATEGEMS.
WHETHER THIS WOULD BE REALISTIC, IS DIFFICULT
TO SAY GIVEN THE SCOPE AND DIVERSITY OF INTERESTS
WHICH WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT SUCH GATHERINGS.
IT WOULD, IN OUR VIEW, DEPEND ON HOW SUCH
MEETINGS WERE STRUCTURED.
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